

St. Vincent's Hospital Complex,
Leon Lowenstein Clinic Building
7-15 Seventh Avenue
New York City
New York County
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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE New York		COUNTY New York	TOWN OR VICINITY New York
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) St. Vincent's Hospital Complex, Leon Lowenstein Clinic Building			HABS NO. NY-5698B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Leon Lowenstein Clinic Building			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 7-15 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10011			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1930		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James O'Connor	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Attached (A)			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) This brick building contains a steel frame and masonry exterior walls, with a foundation of piles.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) This single corridor structure measures 94' x 52', 15 bays wide, and has six main floors, plus two basements and a roof top level.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Attached (B)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The two basements serve as hospital service areas, the 1st and 2nd floors serve for out-patient use, and the 3rd through seventh levels serve as convent facilities. The lobby contains engaged columns with marble facing.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Well maintained; soon to be demolished.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Attached (C)			
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- (A) St. Vincent's Hospital Complex, which includes this structure, was founded in 1849 by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent's is the third oldest, and the oldest Catholic, hospital in N.Y.C. The Great Depression, beginning in 1929, brought with it the need for an expanded role for St. Vincent's. As more and more people were in need of free medical service, the construction of the new Lowenstein Center in 1930 helped to fill an important void in city health care. This building is also part of the 65 block Greenwich Village Historic District.
- (B) White stone covers the entire first floor, and is used as surrounds for the second floor windows. The rest of the evenly spaced windows are bordered by more simple common bond brick, and have plain stone sills. A stone lintel runs the width of the building above the sixth floor. At the three central bays, this band is replaced by three large stone lintels with carved inset panels. The central entrance of this building rises to the second floor, and includes the second floor window of that bay. This entrance projects from the building line and is made of the same white stone as that of the first floor. The second floor window which is included in this projection is flanked by stylized bas-relief designs.
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